

last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MCCOLLUM led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HONORING PASTOR GREGORY SCHANNAP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about my friend and the leader of the prayer here in the House of Representatives today, Greg Schannep. Greg Schannep actually works for me as my regional director and my liaison to Fort Hood. He retired from the United States Army as chief of chaplains at Fort Hood, Texas, which is the largest military installation on Earth. He had over 90 chaplains that worked under him.

He started off his life in the Army as an enlisted man, ended up his career after 2 years in the Army as a Special Forces sergeant. Then the Lord called him, and after going back to school and becoming a minister, he served 28 years in the United States Army as a chaplain. That totals 30 years of active duty as a soldier for the United States.

He's worked for me almost 5 years—it will be 5 years in January—as my liaison to the military and as a regional director on our behalf.

Greg is a family man. He's got a beautiful wife and wonderful kids: Melissa, Sarah, Alison, Amy, James and Samantha. His hobbies are golf and grandchildren, of which he has four. And he has just recently—in fact, within the last 6 weeks—he has decided to start another church and come out of retirement and become a full-time builder of a church, and he started a church in Bell County known as Faith Fellowship. I went to the first service that Chaplain Schannep performed as Pastor Schannep, and he did a pretty darn good job.

He is a loved member of our community, and I am proud to call him my friend.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 5, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 5, 2009, at 9:37 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 42.
That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43.
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 6, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 6, 2009, at 9:42 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3663.

That the Senate passed S. 251.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 178.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Friday, October 2nd, 2009:

S. 1707, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4 of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-25), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission:

Mr. FOSTER, Illinois
Mr. MOORE, Kansas

CONCERN WITH HEALTH CARE REFORM MIRRORS CONCERN WITH BIG GOVERNMENT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the American people are not in favor of a government takeover of their health care. They have a real and legitimate concern about giving Washington power over something so personal.

The American people are not just concerned about Big Government intrusion; they're concerned that the government has already grown too big, too powerful, and too costly. Senior citizens will be squeezed, and the National Federation of Independent Business—the voice of small business—warns 1.6 million jobs will be lost. There remains a massive and growing debt threatening to devalue the dollar as it is kicked to future generations.

We must not sacrifice another part of our society to the control of government. Let's pursue targeted reforms to make health insurance portable, affordable, and available across State lines for families and small businesses regardless of preexisting conditions.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

THE NEW YORK TIMES IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY, AGAIN

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the New York Times has again lost touch with reality. In its latest immigration-related editorial, it actually refers to illegal immigrants as "would-be Americans." Never mind many illegals don't want to be Americans but just want the benefits of being here. And what an insult to the millions of jobless U.S. citizens and legal immigrant workers in our country and the millions of "would-be legal immigrants" who don't violate the law to come here.

The Times, in its elitist mentality, suggests that it is wrong for a company to fire 1,800 illegal workers in the United States. The Times forgot it's wrong for the company to knowingly hire 1,800 illegal immigrants in the first place, and it's wrong that the government did not arrest and deport them and then arrest the employer. Taking 1,800 illegal workers out of the workforce opens jobs for citizens and legal immigrants, as we have seen before.

Apparently, the New York Times cares more about illegal immigrants who violate the law than unemployed American workers who are looking for jobs.

And that's just the way it is.

GALLUP POLL FINDS AMERICANS DON'T TRUST MEDIA

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)